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Main Committees

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

10:00 to 13:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on agenda item 130 (Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013: Organizational resilience management reform (A/67/266, A/67/608, A/67/83 and A/67/83/Add.1))

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General Assembly
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The General Assembly will hold a plenary meeting on Wednesday, 13 March 2013, at 16:00, in the General Assembly Hall, to consider a note by the Secretary-General (A/67/784), circulated under sub-item (g) of agenda item 20 (Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twelfth special session). The General Assembly will also pay tribute to the memory of His Excellency Hugo Chávez Frías, late President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

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15:00 to 18:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 130 (Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013: Reports of the Board of Auditors on information and communications technology (A/67/651, A/67/651/Add.1, A/67/770, A/67/119 and A/67/119/Add.1)); and

Agenda item 144 (Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals: Construction of a new facility for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch (A/67/696 and A/67/768))

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2013 substantive session

Working Group of the Whole

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Rooms A and C (NLB)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Rooms 6, A and C (NLB)

Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole (A/67/312–S/2012/645, A/67/632, A/67/632/Add.1 and A/67/633) [item 6]

[Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers at www.c34.unlb.org. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10 (NLB)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10 (NLB)

Executive meeting

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-seventh session

10:00 to 13:00 9th meeting [webcast] Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

Continuation of general discussion

15:00 to 18:00 — 10th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

Introductory statements, followed by an interactive dialogue:

Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children

Vice-Chair of the Working Group on the Issue of Discrimination against Women in Law and in Practice

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

Informal consultations

15:00 to 18:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Informal consultations convened by the Vice-Chair, Ms. Anne Hernando (Philippines), on agreed conclusions on the priority theme of the Commission under agenda item 3 (a) (i) (Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: Priority theme: elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls)

[Additional information on the work of the Commission can be found on the following website: www.unwomen.org/csw/csw57. To consult the list of side events, please *click here*.

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Otto Gustafik, of the composition of their delegations (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org and gustafik@un.org; room S-1291; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission has been posted at: www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/NGO.html. As requested in relevant resolutions, the reports by the relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council are brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women at its fifty-seventh session and can be accessed by *clicking here*.]

General Assembly

Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals

Informal consultations of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals will be held on *Monday, 11 March 2013*, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Other meetings

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Monday, 11 March 2013

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

15:00 to 18:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room D (NLB)

Other activities

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Monday, 11 March 2013

UNITAR workshops on:

Developing and implementing effective strategies for corporate social responsibility for sustainable development (organized by the UNITAR New York Office)

From 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room E (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For registration, please *click here*. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org).]

Effective negotiation in multilateral conferences (organized by the UNITAR New York Office)

From 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:00, at the Permanent Mission of Malaysia (313 East 43rd Street).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For registration, please *click here*. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org).]

Briefing on "The global thematic consultation on energy in the post-2015 development agenda" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Mexico, Norway and the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Consultation Steering Committee))

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information on the briefing, please contact Mr. Trym Sonstad, Permanent Mission of Norway (e-mail trso@mfa.no). Please *click here* for information on the global thematic consultation.]

Screening of the film "The Importance of Tying Your Own Shoes" (in commemoration of World Down Syndrome Day, 21 March) (co-organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI) and Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

From 18:30 to 20:30, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions, United Nations agencies and accredited non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For registration and further information, please contact Mr. Fred Doulton, DESA (e-mail doultonf@un.org); or *click here*.]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Monday, 11 March 2013

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium [webcast]

11:00 Mr. Filippo Grandi, Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) (on Palestine refugees who are facing unprecedented threats, as the violence in Syria intensifies and spreads)

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 13 March 2013

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

16:00 67th plenary meeting[1] General Assembly Hall

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twelfth special session: note by the Secretary-General (A/67/784) [items 7[2] and 20 (g)]

[1]The General Assembly will pay tribute to the memory of His Excellency Hugo Chávez Frías, late President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

[2]To reopen and reallocate sub-item (g) of agenda item 20.

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

Announcements

The agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/251 (see document A/67/252* for the allocation of items). Annotations can be found in document A/67/100 and A/67/100/Add.1.

The following agenda items remain for consideration during the sixty-seventh session, apart from organizational matters and items that may have to be considered by operation of the rules of procedure of the Assembly: items 9, 11, 13 to 15, 20 (a) and (h), 30, 31, 33 to 37, 39, 40, 42 to 48, 54, 56, 60, 63 (a) and (b), 70 (a) to (c), 74, 94 (b), 106, 107, 110 (a) and (b), 111 (f), (g) and (h), 112 to 117, 118 (a) and (b), 119, 120, 121 (a), (b), (g), (i), (p), (q), (r), (s) and (v), 122, 124 to 126, 128 (a) to (r), 129 to 157, 158 (a) and (b), and 159 to 164.

Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January–16 September 2013). Meetings will be announced in the *Journal* when they are scheduled. For inscription on the list of speakers, please call 1 (212) 963-5063 (room S-3082). A tentative schedule of General Assembly meetings is also available at the following address: www.un.org/en/ga/info/meetings/67schedule.shtml.

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3818 (room S-3053). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Tuesday, 12 March 2013, at 10:00 and 15:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

General Assembly

Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals
First session

The Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals will hold its 1st meeting on Thursday, 14 March 2013, at 10:00, in the General Assembly Hall.

Final United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty

The Final United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty will be held from Monday, 18, to Thursday, 28 March 2013, at United Nations Headquarters, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 67/234 of 24 December 2012 (A/RES/67/234).

The Final Conference will be assisted by a Bureau/General Committee comprising two Vice-Presidents from the regional group of the President of the Final Conference (Western European and other States) and three Vice-Presidents from each of the other regional groups. The Secretariat of the United Nations would be grateful if the regional groups which have not done so would communicate the names of their candidates for the Bureau/General Committee to Mr. Kenji Nakano, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (c/o leu@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*.

Delegations are also kindly requested to submit the credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers to delegations *by hand* to Mr. Stadler Trengove or Ms. Tomoko Iwata (Office of Legal Affairs, room S-3604), *by Monday, 11 March 2013*. Delegations wishing to send advance copies of their credentials should do so by fax (1 (212) 963-6430) or by e-mail (trengove@un.org and iwata@un.org). In accordance with rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedures (A/CONF.217/L.1), the credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

For further information on the Conference, delegations are invited to visit the website of the Conference at the following address: www.un.org/disarmament/ATT.

Disarmament Commission
2013 substantive session

The 2013 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission will be held from Monday, 1, to Friday, 19 April 2013. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 1 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations could communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, via note verbale (e-mail leu@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Commission.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-third session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-third session at Headquarters from Monday, 3, to Friday, 21 June 2013.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly, *no later than Friday, 17 May 2013*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Seventh session

Sierra Leone configuration

An informal meeting of the Sierra Leone configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 13 March 2013, at 15:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-seventh session

Informal consultations (closed) on the agreed conclusions on the priority theme of the Commission, convened by the Vice-Chair, Ms. Ana Marie Hernando (Philippines), will be held as follows: on Tuesday, 12 March 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1 (NLB); on Wednesday, 13 March, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00[1] to 18:00, in Conference Room 2 (NLB); and on Thursday, 14 March, from 10:00[2] to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[1]To be held following the closed meeting to consider the report of the Working Group on Communications of the Status of Women, in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[2]To be held following the introduction of draft proposals and discussion, in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Commission on Population and Development

Briefing

The Chair of the Commission on Population and Development, Mr. Vlad Lupan (Moldova), will hold an informal briefing on the programme of work of the forty-sixth session of the Commission on Tuesday, 26 March 2013, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). All interested members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Forty-sixth session

The forty-sixth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 22, to Friday, 26 April 2013. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 22 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2013/1 and E/CN.9/2013/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

List of participants

Members of the Commission and observers wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Member States that are not members of the Commission and other observers are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Only those observers who indicate their participation *by Wednesday, 17 April 2013*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB), on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

List of speakers

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: New trends in migration — demographic aspects), will be held from Monday, 22, to Wednesday, 24 April 2013. The list of speakers for item 4 and other agenda items will be opened in the week beginning Monday, 25 March.

Election of the Bureau of the forty-seventh session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its forty-seventh session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-sixth session.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

Tuesday, 12 March 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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UNITAR workshops on "Effective negotiation in multilateral conferences" (organized by the UNITAR New York Office)

Tuesday, 12 March 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:00, at the Permanent Mission of Malaysia (313 East 43rd Street).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For registration, please *click here*. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org).]

Briefing and dialogue on "Law of the sea and challenges of Arctic governance" (organized by the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO))

Wednesday, 13 March 2013, from 13:15 to 15:00, in room DC2-0450.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Roy S. Lee, AALCO (e-mail royslee@optonline.net; tel. 1 (917) 623-2861).]

Briefing on "The outcomes of the first universal membership session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)" (by the Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UNEP)

Wednesday, 13 March 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions, United Nations agencies and accredited non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Mr. Munyaradzi Chenje, UNEP (e-mail chenje1@un.org).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests
Tenth session
Istanbul, Turkey

The United Nations Forum on Forests will hold its tenth session from Monday, 8, to Friday, 19 April 2013, at the Lüfti Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Center (LKCC), in Istanbul, Turkey. The session will open on Monday, 8 April, at 10:00. The annotated provisional agenda is contained in document E/CN.18/2013/1/Rev.1.

Ministerial segment

The session will include a ministerial segment, which will be held on Monday, 8 April, from 15:00 to 19:00, and on Tuesday, 9 April 2013, from 12:00 to 13:00 and from 14:00 to 17:30. A list of speakers will be established for statements by Ministers and Heads of Delegations. Delegations are requested to inscribe, as soon as possible, but no later than *Monday, 11 March*, the names of their Ministers or Heads of Delegations who wish to make a statement during the high-level ministerial segment, by sending an e-mail or fax to the Secretary of the Forum, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; with a copy to bailey2@un.org; fax 1 (917) 367-3186). The time limits for statements are *five minutes* for individual Member States and *seven minutes* for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States.

Ministerial round tables

There will be two parallel round tables on Tuesday, 9 April 2013, from 9:00 to 10:30, each discussing a specific topic, as follows:

Round table 1: Forests and economic development; and

Round table 2: International arrangements on forests, the Rio+20 outcome and the post-2015 United Nations development agenda.

Immediately following the conclusion of the round tables, the Forum will convene in plenary, from 10:30 to 12:00, for a high-level interactive dialogue with the Heads of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests member organizations.

The round tables are open to the participation of all Member States and observers. Delegations are kindly requested to indicate, as soon as possible, but no later than *Monday, 11 March*, their preference for the participation of their Ministers or Heads of Delegations in one of the above-mentioned round tables, by e-mail or fax to the Secretary of the Forum (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; with a copy to bailey2@un.org; fax 1 (917) 367-3186). Priority for interventions will be given to participants who have been inscribed before the deadline. The time limit for interventions is *three minutes*.

Documentation

For documentation and further information on the forthcoming session, please visit the following website: www.un.org/esa/forests/.

List of participants

Delegations who have not yet communicated the composition of their delegations to the secretariat of the Forum, are requested to do so, *as soon as possible*, to the Secretary of the Forum for inclusion in the list of participants (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; room S-1282), with a copy to the Protocol and Liaison Service for accreditation purposes (fax 1 (212) 963-1921).

Registration

For information on registration of participants, please visit the following website: www.un.org/esa/forests/session-access.

Major groups

Major groups organizations that are accredited with the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Sustainable Development are encouraged to attend the session. Information on participation is available at www.un.org/esa/forests/participation. Online registration is available at http://esango.un.org/irene/. Attention is drawn to the fact that the deadline for registration is *Monday, 25 March 2013*.

Side events

For information on side events, please *click here*.

Travel and accommodation arrangements

Delegations wishing to attend the session are requested to contact directly, as soon as possible, the nearest Turkish consulate or embassy for information on visa and customs regulations. Delegations are also requested to make arrangements for accommodations through the host country's hotel bookings website at http://dekon.com.tr/unff10/en/.

Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

Second session
United Nations Office at Geneva

The second session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons will be held from Monday, 22 April, to Friday, 3 May 2013, in the Assembly Hall, at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

The list of speakers for the general debate will be open on Tuesday, 2 April, at 10:00. States parties wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat of the Preparatory Committee from that date (Mr. Hong Tan, Office for Disarmament Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-7062; room S-3135; fax 1 (917) 367-1767)).

States parties are kindly requested to provide information, *in writing*, as soon as possible, *but no later than Tuesday, 2 April*, indicating the composition of their delegations to the session. The information should be sent to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Mr. Valère Mantels, Office for Disarmament Affairs (Room S-3132, United Nations, New York, N.Y. 10017). To facilitate the preparation and early distribution of the list of participants, it is also kindly requested that the composition of the delegations be made available in electronic format (Microsoft Word or compatible format) by e-mail to Ms. Bertha Ortiz (ortiz1@un.org), as soon as possible, *but no later than Tuesday, 2 April*.

Participants are requested to complete and send the registration form online (*click here*) or, alternatively, to complete the registration form annexed to the Information Note (annex I), which may be photocopied, and return it, as soon as possible, *but no later than Tuesday, 2 April 2013*, to Ms. Junko Hirakawa, preferably by e-mail (hirakawa@un.org).

Further information for participants, including the submission of pre-session documentation, is contained in the Information Note, and is also available on the website of the second session of the Preparatory Committee (*click here*).

Announcements

Summary of language informational meetings

A consolidated summary of language informational meetings held with Member States from 16 to 18 October 2012 is available in all official languages on the website of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM). Please *click* on the desired language to view the summary: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish. DGACM welcomes questions or comments pertaining to this summary, which can be addressed to dgacm-feedback@un.org.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in room DC2-1142 (unless otherwise indicated), in English (French and Spanish), on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*); or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Overview of the Legal Library (from 15:30 to 16:30) (in room M-10004)

Tuesday, 12 March 2013.

Searching the Official Document System (ODS) (from 10:00 to 12:30)

Wednesday, 13 March 2013.

Overview of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library resources and databases (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Thursday, 14 March 2013.

Introduction to United Nations documents

Wednesday, 20 March 2013 *(in French)* (from 14:00 to 16:00); and

Thursday, 28 March 2013 *(in Spanish)* (from 10:00 to 12:00).

United Nations Bibliographic Information System (UNBISnet) (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Tuesday, 26 March 2013.

Introduction to e-Books (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Wednesday, 27 March 2013.

United Nations Regional Course in International Law for Africa: Urgent appeal for voluntary contributions

The Regional Courses in International Law provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners on a broad range of core subjects of international law, as well as specific subjects of particular interest to developing countries in a given region. The Regional Courses provide an important mechanism for expanding the international law training opportunities available to young lawyers from developing countries under the Programme of Assistance given the limited number of participants which can be accommodated in the International Law Fellowship Programme. The Regional Courses also provide an opportunity for the participants to focus on contemporary issues of international law of common concern in the region with a view to promoting greater understanding and cooperation on such issues.

As the Regional Courses are dependent on voluntary contributions, the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is urgently seeking contributions from Member States in order to ensure sufficient funding for the Regional Course for Africa, which will take place from Monday, 1 to Friday, 26 April 2013 in Ethiopia. For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6971).

2013 United Nations Regional Course in International Law, Bangkok, Thailand

Applications for the 2013 United Nations Regional Course in International Law, scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 November 2013, are now being accepted from candidates from Member States of the United Nations which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States (and from Kiribati). The deadline for applications is *Tuesday, 30 April 2013*.

The Regional Course will be conducted in English. For further information, including applications forms, please consult the Regional Course website at the following address: www.un.org/law/rcil/asia; or contact the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2013:

Second Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (28 May 2013), to elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances (*click here* for general information);

Sixth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (30 May 2013), to elect seven members of the Committee on Migrant Workers (*click here* for general information); and

Twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination will meet (3 June 2013), to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before the meeting*.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for all of the above mentioned meetings, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn: Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; room S-1308)). For any clarifications on these elections, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292).

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 8 March 2013

General Assembly

Sixty-seventh session

66th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/67/693/Add.6, A/67/693/Add.7 and A/67/693/Add.8) **[item 134]**

The General Assembly took note that Dominica, Saint Lucia, Seychelles and the Sudan had made the payments necessary to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter (A/67/693/Add.6, A/67/693/Add.7 and A/67/693/Add.8).

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items [item 7]

The General Assembly decided to reopen consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 111.

Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/67/559/Add.1) [item 111 (a)]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 111.

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 3 of its report (A/67/559/Add.1), appointed Mr. Vinay Kumar (India) as a member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a term of office beginning on 8 March 2013 and ending on 31 December 2013 (decision 67/407 B).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 111.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

24th meeting

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [item 146]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chair drew the attention of the Committee to the letter dated 9 November 2012 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chair of the Fifth Committee, transmitting the report of the Senior Advisory Group established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 65/289 (A/C.5/67/10).

The Under-Secretary-General for Field Support introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the report of the Senior Advisory Group on rates of reimbursement to troop-contributing countries and other related issues (A/67 /713).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/67/749).

Statements were made by the representatives of Fiji (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the European Union (also on behalf of the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries Turkey, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Iceland and Serbia; and the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Ukraine and Georgia, which aligned themselves with the statement), Canada (on behalf of the CANZ Group (Australia, Canada and New Zealand)), Peru, the United States, Japan, India, Mexico, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, Ecuador and Norway.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be coordinated by Mr. Matthias Dettling (Switzerland).

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [item 129]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Accountability

The Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the second progress report of the Secretary-General on an accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat (A/67/714).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/67/776).

Statements were made by the representatives of Fiji (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the European Union (also on behalf of the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries Turkey, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia; and the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement), New Zealand (on behalf of the CANZ Group (Australia, Canada and New Zealand)), Switzerland (also on behalf of Liechtenstein) and Mexico.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management responded to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be coordinated by Mr. Magdi Elderini (Egypt).

Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 [item 130]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Report of the Board of Auditors on information and communications technology

The Director of External Audit and Chair of the Audit Operations Committee, Board of Auditors, Mr. Hugh O'Farrell, introduced the report of the Board on the handling of information and communications technology affairs in the Secretariat (A/67/651).

The Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report on the handling of information and communications technology affairs in the Secretariat (A/67/651/Add.1).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/67/770).

The Executive Secretary of the Joint inspection Unit introduced, on behalf of the Chair of that Unit, Mr. István Posta, the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Unit entitled "Information and communications technology governance in United nations system organizations" (A/67/119).

The Chair drew the attention of the Committee to a note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit and to the statement of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (A/67/119/Add.1).

Statements were made by the representatives of Fiji (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Switzerland.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be coordinated by Mr. Conrad Lamont Sheck (Canada).

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Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals [item 144]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Construction of a new facility of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the construction of a new facility for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch (A/67/696).

The Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/67/768).

Statements were made by the representative of Fiji (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Côte d'Ivoire (on behalf of the African Group) and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultation on this agenda item would be coordinated by Mr. Patricio Troya (Ecuador).

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Convention on registration of objects launched into outer space. New York, 12 November 1974

Accession: Lithuania (8 March 2013)

Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products. Seoul, 12 November 2012

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